

**Objection Deadline: 15 Days after Filing on ECF**  
**Hearing Date: To be Determined, if Necessary**

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re:

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF  
ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NEW YORK,<sup>1</sup>

Debtor.

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Chapter 11

Case No. 20-12345 (MG)

**NINETEENTH MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT  
OF ROBERT E. GERBER FOR SERVICES RENDERED  
AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED  
AS FUTURE CLAIMS REPRESENTATIVE FROM  
DECEMBER 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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<sup>1</sup> The Debtor in this chapter 11 case is The Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York; the last four digits of its federal tax identification number are 7437; and its mailing address is 50 North Park Avenue P.O. Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023.

<b>Name of Applicant</b>	Robert E. Gerber
<b>Authorized to Provide Professional Services to:</b>	Future and Unknown Claimants, as Future Claims Representative
<b>Date of Retention</b>	October 27, 2021
<b>Period for which Compensation and Reimbursement is Sought</b>	December 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023
<b>Amount of Compensation Sought:</b>	\$ 33,040
<b>Less 50% Holdback</b>	(\$ 16,520)
<b>Net Compensation Requested Now</b>	\$ 16,520
<b>Amount of Expenses Sought</b>	\$ 8.00
<b>Amount of Reimbursement Sought</b>	\$ 8.00
<b>Total Payment Requested Now</b>	\$ 16,528

This is a:   x   Monthly    Interim    Final Application.

1. I, ROBERT E. GERBER, as Future Claims Representative in the chapter 11 case of The Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre, (the “**Debtor**,” or the “**Diocese**”) submit this statement of fees and disbursements (“**Monthly Statement**”) for the period from December 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 (“**Compensation Period**”) in accordance with the *Order Authorizing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals* dated November 4, 2020 [ECF #129] (“**Interim Compensation Order**”).

2. I request interim payment of compensation in the amount of \$16,528 (50% of fees of \$33,040 and 100% of the expenses of \$8.00).

**Services Rendered During the Compensation Period**

3. Exhibit A sets forth a timekeeper summary with respect to the sole timekeeper on this Monthly Statement (and engagement), which is me. It includes my name, position, date of first

admission, hourly billing rate and aggregate hours during the compensation period.<sup>2</sup> The rates charged are those I charge generally for all legal, expert testimony, consulting, and fiduciary services—*i.e.*, all matters other than mediation.<sup>3</sup>

4. Exhibit B sets forth a “task code” summary that breaks down the time I spent during the Compensation Period by the task codes employed by the US Trustee Program in its Guidelines.

5. Exhibit C includes my contemporaneously prepared time entries<sup>4</sup> for the Compensation Period, as they are maintained electronically at JHA, and as I regularly attach them to bills I send out for my services.

6. Exhibit D sets forth the expenses for which I seek reimbursement, organized by general disbursement categories.

7. Exhibit E is my invoice for the services that I performed during the Compensation Period, in the same form as I regularly send out invoices on nonbankruptcy matters. Payment for the services I performed can and should be made to Joseph Hage Aaronson LLC, in accordance with the invoice.

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<sup>2</sup> A matter requested under US Trustee Program Guidelines that is not included is “Primary department, group or section,” as it is inapplicable to an individual in my position here. I also state that there have been no increases in my billable rate on this engagement since my retention was authorized. My rate was increased in January 2021, after the inception of the Diocese chapter 11 case, but long before my retention was authorized, and although my rate was increased further in January 2022, January 2023, and January 2024 on other matters (and now is \$1,700 per hour on such), it has been frozen at the \$1,400 per hour level on this engagement.

<sup>3</sup> See the declaration I submitted in connection with my application to retain Joseph Hage Aaronson LLC as my counsel (ECF #897), n.4, noting and explaining this.

<sup>4</sup> These have been maintained in increments of tenths of an hour, and without bunching or block billing, on this and all other matters since I have left the bench.

**Notice and Objection Procedures**

8. Pursuant to Paragraph 2(c) of the Interim Compensation Order, this Monthly Statement is being filed with the Court.

9. Pursuant to Paragraph 2(b) of the Interim Compensation Order, this Monthly Statement is being served, on this day, upon the “**Notice Parties**” (as there defined, and also listed below) as follows:

- (a) *Debtor*, c/o The Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre, 50 N Park Ave P.O. Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023 (Attn: Thomas Renker) (by First Class Mail);
- (b) *Debtor’s Counsel*, Jones Day (Attn: Corinne Ball, Esq., Benjamin Rosenblum, Esq. and Andrew M. Butler, Esq.) (By Email);
- (c) *Counsel to the Creditors’ Committee*, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP (Attn: James Stang, Esq. Ilan D. Scharf, Esq. and Karen B. Dine, Esq.) (by Email);
- (d) *Office of the United States Trustee Region 2* (Attn: Greg Zipes, Esq.) (by Email).

I believe that no other or further notice need be provided.

10. Pursuant to Paragraph 2(e) of the Interim Compensation Order, objections to this Application, if any, must be served upon me and the Notice Parties within 15 days of the filing with the Court of this Monthly Statement (the “**Objection Deadline**”). Any such objection must set forth the nature of the objection and the amount of fees or expenses at issue.

11. If no objections to this Monthly Statement are made on or before the Objection Deadline, I will file a Certificate of No Objection with the Court, after which the Debtor will be authorized to pay JHA (on my behalf) the 50% of the fees and 100% of the expenses set forth above (or the portion of such as to which there has been no objection).

12. To the extent an objection to this Monthly Statement is timely made, the Debtor must withhold payment of that portion of the Monthly Statement to which the objection is

directed and promptly pay the remainder of the fees and disbursements in the percentages set forth above. To the extent such objection is not resolved, it will be preserved and presented to the Court at the next interim or final fee application hearing.

13. No prior request for the relief sought in this fee statement has been made in this or any other court.

Dated: New York, New York  
January 29, 2024

/s/ Robert E. Gerber  
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Exhibit A (Timekeeper Summary) Follows on Next Page

Name of Professional	Title	First Admitted to the Bar	Year of Partnership	Hourly Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
Robert E. Gerber	Future Claims Representative	1971	1978	\$1,400	23.6	\$ 33,040.00
<b>Total</b>					23.6	<b>\$ 33,040.00</b>

Exhibit B (Task Code Summary) Follows on Next Page



<b>ABA UTBMS Bankruptcy Code</b>	<b>US Trustee Program Description</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
B160	Employment of Professionals	0.2	\$ 280.00
B300	Plan and Disclosure Statement	0.3	\$ 420.00
B320	Plan and Disclosure Statement	23.1	\$ 32,340.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>23.6</b>	<b>\$ 33,040.00</b>

Exhibit C (Time Entries) Follows on Next Page

Primary Timekeeper: 74 Robert E. Gerber

Client: 52301.02 Gerber Fiduciary Services					Gerber Fiduciary	Contact:
Rockville Centre Diocese						
Primary Timekeeper:	74	REG	Category:	2	Bankruptcy	
Secondary Timekeeper:	74	REG	Draft Template:	STI	Rate Code:	3
Originating Timekeeper:	74	REG	Final Template:	STI	Date Opened:	10/28/2021
Previous Balance:	290,755.62					

Date	Tkpr	Src	R C	Task Code	Ref #	Rate	Hours Worked	Amount	Description
Fees									
12/04/2023	74	REG		B320 A104	610	1,400.00	1.80	2,520.00	Review of Diocese Amended Plan (1.8)
12/05/2023	74	REG		B320 A108	611	1,400.00	0.10	140.00	Emails to/from Andrew Butler (Jones Day) re hearing of 11/18 (.1)
12/05/2023	74	REG		B160 A108	612	1,400.00	0.10	140.00	Emails from/to Andrew Butler et al re US Trustee Program request for holdback on Interim Fee Apps (.1)
12/05/2023	74	REG		B320 A104	613	1,400.00	0.30	420.00	Review of transcript of 11/18 hearing (.3)
12/06/2023	74	REG		B320 A108	614	1,400.00	0.10	140.00	Email Michael Hogan re Diocese Amended Plan, Disclosure Statement (.1)
12/07/2023	74	REG		B320 A108	615	1,400.00	0.10	140.00	Emails from/to Michael Hogan re Diocese Plan and Disclosure Statement (.1)
12/07/2023	74	REG		B320 A104	616	1,400.00	1.90	2,660.00	Review of Diocese Disclosure Statement, related Plan (1.9)
12/08/2023	74	REG		B320 A104	617	1,400.00	0.40	560.00	Review of Diocese Objection to Creditors' Committee Test Cases Motion (.4)
12/11/2023	74	REG		B320 A108	618	1,400.00	0.40	560.00	Telecon Michael Hogan re Amended Diocese Plan and Disclosure Statement, Test Cases Motion (.4)
12/12/2023	74	REG		B320 A104	619	1,400.00	2.10	2,940.00	Review of Diocese Amended Plan Disclosure Statement, recording mental impressions (2.1)
12/13/2023	74	REG		B160 A108	620	1,400.00	0.10	140.00	Emails to/from Justin Bakota, Michael Hogan, Joshua Hogan re Monthly Fee Statements submission (.1)
12/16/2023	74	REG		B320 A104	621	1,400.00	0.70	980.00	Review of Creditors Committee Test Cases Motion Reply Brief (.4); comparison to Diocese Answering Brief (.3)
12/17/2023	74	REG		B320 A108	622	1,400.00	0.50	700.00	Email to Diocese and Creditors Committee counsel re Disclosure Statement issues, matters for possible consensual resolution (.5)
12/17/2023	74	REG		B320 A104	623	1,400.00	3.40	4,760.00	Further review of Diocese Disclosure Statement for Amended Plan (2.8); Review of Dine Declaration on Test Cases Reply, and its exhibits (.6)
12/18/2023	74	REG		B320 A108	624	1,400.00	0.20	280.00	Emails from/to Andrew Butler, cc Michael Hogan, re upcoming hearing et al (.1); Emails Michael Hogan re discovery dispute et al (.1)
12/19/2023	74	REG		B320 A108	625	1,400.00	0.10	140.00	Emails Michael Hogan re Test Cases motion et al (.1)
12/19/2023	74	REG		B320 A101	626	1,400.00	0.30	420.00	Prep for hearing (.3)
12/19/2023	74	REG		B320 A109	627	1,400.00	2.10	2,940.00	Hearing on Test Cases Motion, Fee Apps (2.1);
12/20/2023	74	REG		B300 A104	628	1,400.00	0.30	420.00	Review of Oetkin order, related opinion, re appeals on claims disallowance (.3)
12/21/2023	74	REG		B320 A108	629	1,400.00	0.60	840.00	Emails to Ben Rosenblum, Corinne Ball, Andrew Butler re Disclosure Statement issues (.4); Emails from/to Andrew Butler re Zoom with Diocese counsel re Disclosure Statement issues (.1); Email to Michael Hogan re same (.1)
12/21/2023	74	REG		B320 A104	630	1,400.00	1.60	2,240.00	Review of Exhibits to Disclosure Statement (.5); After other things, same (1.1)
12/22/2023	74	REG		B320 A108	631	1,400.00	0.90	1,260.00	Teams Zoom with Ben Rosenblum, Corinne Ball, Andrew Butler re Plan and Disclosure Statement issues (.8); Email Michael Hogan re same (.1).
12/22/2023	74	REG		B320 A104	632	1,400.00	2.20	3,080.00	Continued review of Plan and Plan supplemental docs, Disclosure Statement (.6); After interruption, same (1.6)
12/29/2023	74	REG		B320 A108	633	1,400.00	0.60	840.00	Emails to Michael Hogan (.2); Telecon Michael Hogan re Future Claims treatment et al (.4);
12/29/2023	74	REG		B320 A104	634	1,400.00	2.70	3,780.00	Analysis of Diocese Plan, Disclosure Statement, re Future Claims treatment et al (1.0); After other things, same, review and analysis of Trust Distribution Procedures (mechanisms for Future Claims) (1.7);
Billable Total: 74 Robert E. Gerber							23.60	33,040.00	
Total Billable Fees							23.60	33,040.00	
Expenses									
12/29/2023	74	REG		B110 E106	40			8.00	Online research - Pacer - December 2023
Total Billable Expenses								8.00	
Payments									
02/21/2023					28	Apply to: 10852		-191.51	Expense Payment - RDC
02/21/2023					29	Apply to: 10852		-5,877.17	Fee Payment - RDC
03/27/2023					30	Apply to: 10881		-39,424.00	Fee Payment - RDC
03/27/2023					31	Apply to: 10881		-30.80	Expense Payment - RDC
05/08/2023					32	Apply to: 10899		-32,928.00	Fee Payment - Diocese of Rockville Center
05/08/2023					33	Apply to: 10901		-15,332.50	Fee Payment - Diocese of Rockville Center
05/08/2023					34	Apply to: 10899		-484.43	Expense Payment - Diocese of Rockville
05/08/2023					35	Apply to: 10901		-37.50	Expense Payment - Diocese of Rockville

Primary Timekeeper: 74 Robert E. Gerber

Client: 52301.02 Gerber Fiduciary Services (Continued)

Date	Tkpr	Src	R C	Task Code	Ref #	Rate	Hours Worked	Amount	Description
06/05/2023					36			-24,117.50	Fee Payment - RDC
06/26/2023					37	Apply to: 10918		-15.70	Expense Payment - RDC
06/26/2023					38	Apply to: 10918		-29,680.00	Fee Payment - RDC
07/24/2023					39			-5,289.27	Fee Payment - RDC
09/11/2023					40	Apply to: 10984		-25.27	Expense Payment - RDC
09/11/2023					41	Apply to: 10986		-168.45	Expense Payment - RDC
09/11/2023					42	Apply to: 10986		-42,310.73	Fee Payment - RDC
09/18/2023					43	Apply to: 10988		-158.98	Expense Payment - RDC
09/18/2023					44	Apply to: 10988		-22,829.02	Fee Payment - RDC
10/10/2023					45	Apply to: 11013		-32.68	Expense Payment - RDC
10/10/2023					46			-19,679.66	Fee Payment - RDC
11/20/2023					47	Apply to: 11038		-88.30	Expense Payment - RDC
11/20/2023					48	Apply to: 11038		-1,400.38	Fee Payment - RDC
12/28/2023					49			-14,424.30	Fee Payment - RDC
Total Billable Payments								-254,526.15	

R E C A P						
Fees:	33,040.00					
Expenses:	8.00	Previous Balance:	290,755.62			
Advances:	0.00	Payments/Credits:	-254,526.15			
Total WIP:	33,048.00	Balance Due:	36,229.47	Total:	69,277.47	
A/R:	0-30	31-60	61-90	91-120	121-180	181+
	27,208.08	0.00	5,739.62	0.00	3,281.77	0.00

**Exhibit D (Expenses Summary) Follows on Next Page**

<b>ABA UTBMS Expenses Code</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
E106	Online Research	\$ 8.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 8.00</b>

Exhibit E (Invoice)<sup>1</sup> Follows on Next Page

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<sup>1</sup> Payment for the services of Robert E. Gerber, as Future Claims Representative, can and should be made to Joseph Hage Aaronson, LLC, in accordance with the attached invoice.

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January 29, 2024

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Invoice No. 5230102-24

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**FOR SERVICES OF ROBERT E. GERBER, FUTURE CLAIMS  
REPRESENTATIVE:**

Client: **Gerber Fiduciary Services**

Matter: **Rockville Centre Diocese**

For services as Future Claims Representative in chapter 11 case of The Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York (Case No. 20-12345), rendered from December 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, as detailed in attached computerized statement.

Fees .....	\$33,040
Less fees (50%) for which payment is deferred.....	(\$16,520)
Expenses.....	\$8.00
<b>Total payment requested now.....</b>	<b>\$16,528.00</b>

**[Wire transfer information  
and Federal Tax I.D.  
was provided to your counsel]**